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APPLICATION

REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION  
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Sir:  
1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (☐ Design ☒ Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title: **SCANNING SPECTROPHOTOMETER FOR HIGH THROUGHPUT FLUORESCENCE DETECTION AND FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION**  
without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:

3. ☒ Abstract 1 page(s).  
4. 34 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. ☐ Specification in non-English language  
6. 65 Numbered claim(s); and  
7. ☒ Drawings: 13 sheet(s) ☒ 1 set informal; 8. ☐ format of size: ☐ A4 ☐ 11"

9. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 60/259,326	December 29, 2000	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
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11. (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date)   
in U.S. Application No. / filed on

12. ☐ This is a reissue of Patent No.   
13. ☒ See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete item 14 or 15.)

14. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. / filed   
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No. PCT/ / filed

Designated the U.S. and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

15. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US applications

16. Extension to date: ☐ currently filed ☐ not needed ☐ usly filed
17. ☒ Small Entity Status is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)
- 17(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not Essential to make claim)
- 17(b) ☐ See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)
18. ☐ Assignee (optional): \_\_\_\_\_
19. ☐ Attached:

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) (Double check instructions for accuracy.):  
(Listing of inventor(s) not a requirement, but list if known)

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21. NOTE: FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS, "X" box ☐ and list additional inventors on attached sheet (incorporated by reference)

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